

BLOFIELD NEWS

The parish magazine for St. Andrew & St. Peter, Blofield;
All Saints, Hemblington and St. Andrew, North Burlingham

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WELCOME

Blofield News is the monthly parish magazine for St. Andrew & St. Peter Blofield, All Saints Hemblington and St. Andrew, North Burlingham. It is sold in these churches and in local shops. If you live in one of our parishes and purchase a year's subscription we can probably deliver it to your home free of charge. If you live outside the parishes you can have copies sent to your home either by post or by email. A large print version is available to anyone who is having difficulty reading our standard publication.

For more information, please contact the editor, Gill, whose contact details are on the back page. The last date for submissions is the **15th of the previous month**.

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ALL THREE CHURCHES ARE OPEN DAILY FROM 9.30AM - DUSK;

Hand sanitiser is provided.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

29th September, Janet Mary Shreeve aged 87, at Blofield Church & St Faith's Crematorium

'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.'
Psalms 24:1

NOVEMBER MINISTER'S LETTER

November is a month of remembering, firstly through the observation of All Saints day when we celebrate those who have gone before us as disciples of Christ, then All Souls day when we remember loved ones departed. After these comes Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day, occasions on which we commemorate the armistice signed to cease hostilities at the conclusion of the Great War, and a time when we honour the memory of those who have given their lives in the service and defence of others.



While the word *remember* literally means to be mindful of again, it can also evoke a notion of re-remembering, a putting back together of something fragmented or a coming together of many parts which had previously been united. The times in which we are currently living are times of increasingly fragmented society and deepening divisions between people. The act of remembering is of course to do with recalling the past, but the real value of memory is to be found in how we allow it to impact our present. It is up to us then, to decide whether we live lives that will perpetuate the divisions of our present days, or lives that seek to re-member that which is fragmented.

In honouring the memory of those who have given their lives in the hope of a united and peaceful world, remembering the past is only half the story. We must also strive to re-member the present, to build the world that those who have gone before us longed to see. Practically, this involves working to heal wounds, tear down barriers and build bridges, fostering relationships between ourselves which are based not only upon the virtues of empathy, tolerance and understanding, but which are rooted in a real love for one another.

Jesus said 'this is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.' In a world where so often the focus is upon looking after our own individual interests, and where our own opinions are all that matters, Jesus shows us a different way, a way which prioritises the other. If we all had each other's best interests at heart and adopted a greater willingness to see the world through each other's eyes, we will surely start to build a tomorrow which will truly honour those who gave their today.

Revd. Andrew Tapsell

Reflections for November 2025

The season of Remembering.

All Saints

Read: *Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.*

Hebrews 13: 5

Ask yourself: Who, to you, epitomises what faith is all about? In what ways are you striving to be more like them?

Pray: Living God, encourage me through all who have gone before me, so that I, in turn, may encourage those who travel after me, along the way of Christ. Amen.

Remembering what was

Read: *Remember what the Lord your God did. Remember the way that the Lord God has led you.*

Deuteronomy 7: 18 and 8: 2

Ask yourself: Do you forget sometimes how much God has done for you? Do you make time through prayer and the reading of God's word, to remember his faithfulness across the ages?

Pray: Gracious God, always, you remember me. Teach me to remember you. Amen.

Remembering the poor

Read: *All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor: precisely what I was determined to do.*

Galatians 2: 10

Ask yourself: How far do you see concern for the poor as fundamental to the gospel? In what ways can you, and do you meaningfully express that concern?

Pray: Lord Jesus Christ, who became poor for my sake, teach me, having so much, to remember the many who have so little, and in responding to them, may I respond to you. Amen.

Lest we forget

Read: *We have heard for ourselves, O God, our predecessors have told us the deed you performed in their time, how in bygone days you saved us from our enemies.*

Psalms 44: 1, 7

Ask yourself: Do you forget sometimes how much you owe to those who fought for the freedom of this country? Why do we need to remember, and what lessons can we learn?

Pray: Living God, teach me to remember the lessons of the past, so that I may appreciate the present and work always for a better future, in the name of Christ. Amen.

Rev'd Sue

THREE CHURCHES TOGETHER BLOFIELD, HEMBLINGTON AND NORTH BURLINGHAM SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Date	Blofield Church 11.00am	Hemblington Church 9.30am	North Burlingham
2nd November	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	With Hemblington
9th November	Remembrance Service 10.55am	Remembrance Service HC	With Hemblington
16th November	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	With Hemblington
23rd November	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	With Hemblington
30th November	Joint Benefice Service for all 8 churches NORTH BURLINGHAM 10.30am		

Morning Prayer at Hemblington Church on Thursdays at 9.00am.

Home Communion

For the arrangement of home communion, in cases of illness or where a person is unable to leave their home, please contact a member of the ministry team (telephone numbers on page 2).

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES in NOVEMBER

19th November - at Manor House.

20th November - at Burlingham House.

26th November - at Brewster Court.

Collections and Giving to our churches

We are grateful for all the offerings, gifts and donations that we receive each month. These can be given at each service (both Blofield and Hemblington Churches now have secure card readers) or online by using BACS or standing order. Bank details for each church are detailed below:

BLOFIELD PARISH CHURCH	ALL SAINTS CHURCH HEMBLINGTON	ST ANDREWS CHURCH NORTH BURLINGHAM
Sort Code: 09 01 55	Sort Code: 30 96 17	Sort Code: 30 99 97
Account No. 31794180	Account No. 00040822	Account No. 30101668

BLOFIELD CHURCH

WEDNESDAY MORNING BENEFICE SERVICE

AT BLOFIELD CHURCH

The Wednesday morning services are at 9.30am



5th November - Morning Worship
12th November - Holy Communion
19th November - Morning Worship
26th November - Holy Communion

The service is followed by coffee and chat
in the West End - All welcome.

OPEN TO GOD

You do not need to be going through a bad time to make use of this prayer ministry. Sometimes, it is great to share good news with others and have thanks offered to God.

Whatever prompts us to turn our searching in a spiritual direction, can enable us to embrace the comfort that God offers. It's always re-assuring to know God's heart of love is open towards us individually.

The future dates are Sunday, 9th November and Sunday, 14th December at the High Altar, after the morning service.

There also will be prayer ministry available after the Memorial Service for loved ones on Sunday afternoon, 2nd November.

Maureen and Liz



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND TO GIVE THANKS

MONDAY MORNING 9.00AM – 9.45AM

Blofield church is open every day for people to visit or to be still and pray for the work of the church, our families, our own community and the wider world.

On Monday mornings, we come together, to help carry the burden through prayer and faith, for those in need of healing in our church family and known to us as individuals. All are welcome to join for this quiet time of prayer.

THE CHURCHES OF THE BLOFIELD BENEFICE

Caring for our church family

Looking after our church family and the wider community is very important to us. Our churches are open every day for you to visit.

If you or someone you know needs support, would like a phone call, or who has something special to celebrate please let Revd. Sue or the churchwardens know, so that we can make contact. Contact for matters relating to pastoral support, contact Revd. Sue Shillam.

Contact details are on page 2.

FOODBANK

We are extremely grateful to the people of Blofield, Blofield Heath and our church folk for their contributions to the Foodbank.



We are all aware of the cost-of-living crisis and so are most grateful for every item that comes to church to help others who are struggling.

Please donate early so that families can benefit for Christmas.

The following items are most wanted, please:

Long life milk, tinned meat, fruit juice, tinned potatoes, peanut butter, tinned tomatoes, instant mash and sponge puddings.

They have a surplus of baked beans and pasta!

For more information, please contact Yvonne on 07720942955.



PLAY CHURCH

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Come and find your happy place at Blofield Church
Church Road, Blofield, NR13 4NA

Wednesdays from 1 – 3 pm during term time
Toddler Nativity, Wednesday 17th December



The group is run by experienced early years volunteers and the leaders are DBS checked.

THE AUTUMN TERM CONTINUES TO OCTOBER 22ND (half term)

5TH NOVEMBER - 17TH DECEMBER

Donation in cash or via SUMUP machine are always welcome

Contact Yvonne on 07720942955 or yvonnemack60@gmail.com or Barbara on 01603 714519.

All Souls Memorial Service



A special service to remember
loved ones departed

4pm, Sunday 2nd November
Blofield church

If you wish a loved one to be remembered by name during the service, please submit their name before 31st October by email with the subject '*memorial service*':

Avril Tyrer avril.tyrer@hotmail.com

Rev'd Sue Shillam sue.shillam@btinternet.com

or by adding their names to the lists that will be available in Blofield, Hemblington and North Burlingham churches.

⊕ THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Blofield Church

OPEN DOORS 2025

Everyone's welcome for a little bit of chat/conversation, friendship, laughter and activities

We meet on

The first and third Thursday at 12.00

Two course lunch is provided

This month the dates are: **6th November and 20th November.**

Book early for our annual Christmas Lunch on 4th December.

For further information contact Jenny on 01603 712968 or Sarah on 07584638854

Flowers at Blofield Church

We are delighted to welcome anyone who would like to join our merry team of flower arrangers - no experience needed.

We usually meet on Saturdays at 9am, but the time is flexible depending on church commitments.



Harvest flowers and produce arranged by the children at our Play Church



Harvest flowers arranged by Brenda and Sonia at South Walsham Flower Festival

If you wish to make a donation for flowers to be arranged in church, in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.

Please contact Sarah on reynoldsfamily53@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07584638854.

Christmas Craft Fair



Sat Nov 22nd
10.30am – 2.00pm

Craft stalls galore, Gifts, Ideas for Christmas presents, Home Baking plus -

Fun, games and challenges for children.



Tea, Coffee, Cakes & Lunches in our West End café



FREE ENTRY

Contact us at blofieldchurch.org.uk or Friends of Blofield Church on Facebook

A Christmas present for anyone interested in local events and history.

An Autobiography

The story of local man Sir Peter Eade - doctor in Blofield and at the Norwich hospital; benefactor and mayor of Norwich three times; involved in the Thorpe train disaster - with his account of it.

Available at £10 with proceeds going to Blofield Church where he was buried and where stained glass is in his memory.

Contact David Pilch on dbpilch@gmail.com

Cleaning of the church



We welcome anyone who is able to give us just 30minutes of their time to come and help clean Blofield church on the first Monday of the month.

*This month, it will be the **3rd November** from 10.00am.*

HEMBLINGTON CHURCH

Friends of All Saints Church, Hemblington

Many thanks to Blofield & District Conservation Group BADCOG, and the Bure Valley Conservation Group, for all their cutting and raking in the churchyard this year. This is vital work to ensure the wild plants reappear next year and provide inspiration to us, as well as a good habitat for wildlife. The monthly wildlife surveys have continued this year – many thanks to Linda and David Bryant for undertaking these. David regularly provides information about wildlife seen in the local area and the results of the surveys (as well as lots about the night skies) – do check out his blog: <https://birdsoftheheath.blogspot.com/>.

If you would like to join the churchyard working parties or wildlife survey team, do please let The Friends secretary know – see contact details below. The Friends group has had a successful year, organising events to bring people into the church and raising some funds towards any necessary repairs in the church. We are always looking for further support, both practical and financial, so please consider becoming a Friend. Annual or life membership would also be useful for that “what shall I give them as a gift?” person. Annual membership is just £10, or life membership £100. If local businesses would like to support the group, we would ensure their sponsorship was well advertised.

The Friends secretary can be contacted via phone (01603) 715 804 / email: hemblington@gmail.com.

The church website is: www.hemblingtonchurch.org.uk.

Remembrance Service

Our **Remembrance service** at Hemblington church is on 9th November at 9.30am, and will be attended by Jane Cator, one of our Deputy Lieutenants for Norfolk who is also on the PCC of Ranworth church. She is representing The Lord Lieutenant and ultimately The King, so that will be very special for our little church.

Do come & join us - everyone will be welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Children's Books & Toys are needed for our stall at the Christmas Fair please.



Are you having a pre-Christmas review of your children's or grandchildren's books & toys? If you have such items that they have now grown out of, Hemblington church would like to offer them at the Heathlands Christmas Fair (Saturday 15th November), so please get in touch.

Please telephone Jennifer on 01603 716970 or Pat on 07592 755 027 for more details.

Christmas Boxes

From
Blofield
Hemblington
North Burlingham
Churches



Dear Friends

It's that time of year again. We are now starting our annual project of collecting **Christmas boxes** which will go to the distribution centre in Great Yarmouth? The boxes can be left in Blofield and Hemblington Churches.

Please wrap the two parts of the box, but you don't need to wrap the gifts inside. Please put a post it note on the top to say who the box might go to. For example, Adult female, teenager, child (with age range).

What to put in?

Adults: Toiletries, other hygiene items, gloves, scarves, treats, and whatever else you can think of. No alcohol or tobacco please.

Children: gloves, scarves, treats, small toys, school items and whatever else you can think of.

Many thanks if you can help those with so little this Christmas time.

The cut-off date is Friday 12 December.

Compassion and love through giving

Thank you.

Rev'd. Sue

Make & Mardle

The next Make & Mardle session is at
Gables Farmhouse, Hemblington Hall Road, Hemblington
on **Tuesday 25th November** from 10am to 12noon.

In December we will take a break & meet again in January

Usual format - coffee, cake, chat & optional craft:

Everyone will be most welcome.

For more information, call Catherine on 01603 270 360

NOTICE BOARD

Blafelda (Blofield) Probus Club

The club provides an enjoyable social meeting point for men who are retired or about to retire. We meet for lunch on the third Wednesday of every month at THE RAM, 108 The Street, Brundall NR13 5LP at 12 noon for lunch at 12.30pm. If you are new to the area it is a good way to get to know people. Lunch is followed by a talk, often on a subject of particularly local interest. We have vacancies for members so if you are interested contact Alex Mason (alexwmason@yahoo.co.uk/Tel. 01603 716735) or Mike Cole (mikecole@uwclub.net/Tel. 01603 713839).

Blofield Court House Village Screen

Matinee 2.30pm (Tea, cakes, ice-creams); Evening 7.30pm (Bar, soft drinks, ice-creams). Tickets: £5 from S & S Mitchell Newsagents, The Street, Blofield. Enquiries email: info@blofieldcourthouse.org.uk. Next film is on the **14th November** - 'BLACK BAG'.

Blofield and District Gardening Club

All events are at the Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road, Blofield. Next meeting is on the **12th November at 7.30pm**.

Local contact for information: Tel: 01603 715804;

Club website: www.blofieldgardeningclub.org.uk

Blofield Parish Council

All are welcome to meetings which take place on a **Monday at 7:30pm in Blofield Courthouse Main Hall** unless otherwise notified. The next meeting is on the **10th November**. The monthly Parish Council Meetings include discussion on any new planning applications. In addition to being published on the council website, the agendas and the venue of meetings are always posted on the 3 village notice boards located adjacent to Blofield Florists Shop, Blofield Library and Blofield Heath Village Shop. For more information, please visit: www.blofield-pc.gov.uk or email: clerk@blofield-pc.gov.uk.

Keep Blofield Special

We are a small group of volunteers who like to keep our villages looking reasonably free of litter. We meet monthly for about an hour's litter-picking. Litter-picks for November take place on:

Monday, 3rd November, meet at Heathlands, Blofield Heath at 9.30am.

Monday, 10th November, meet at the Old Court House, Blofield at 9.30am.

Anyone is welcome to join us. There is never a shortage of litter, The evenings are now drawing in, however, there's always litter that needs collecting! The informal collecting by residents when out walking or dog-walking is much appreciated.

WEA Blofield Branch

The Blofield branch offers interesting short courses to local people. The Court House is comfortable and well-ventilated, and all will be offered a warm welcome as well as an interesting excursion into a fascinating culture. If you would like to know more about the WEA locally, please contact the local branch: Blofield.branch@wea.ac.uk or 'phone 01603 537029.

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BADCOG - Blofield and District Conservation Group.

BADCOG is an active group which undertakes site management of wildlife habitats ranging from fen meadow, woodland (old and new), ponds, churchyard conservation areas and a number of other sites some of which are designated Local Nature Reserves. All are rich habitats for flora and fauna. The next working parties will be: **8th November – Snowdrop Acre; 22nd November – Howe's Meadow; 6th December – Walsham Fen.**

Fortnightly work parties start at 10.30am and finish no later than 1pm. Anyone can come and join in for as little or as long as they like or just to see what we do. For any changes to work party plans please see the website www.badcog.co.uk.

Our evening meeting on **Friday, 14th November at 7.30pm: 'Wildlife in a Country Churchyard' a talk by David Bryant.** Venue: Strumpshaw Community Hall, Mill Road, NR13 4FS. **Visitors are welcome and refreshments are available.**

Blofield Preschool Playgroup, Margaret Harker Hall

A friendly, committee-run playgroup for children aged from 2½ years old. Free 'Early Education' funding for 3 and 4 year olds and full access to the 'Early Years Foundation Stage'. Open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday during term time. Sessions available 9.10am – 12.10pm, 12.10pm – 3.10pm, or 9.10am – 3.10pm. Call us on 01603 712498 for more information or to arrange a visit. For further details follow us on Twitter: @BlofieldPreSch or visit our Facebook page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/BlofieldPreSchoolPlaygroup>.

If you would like your child to be added to our Waiting List, please email us on blofieldpreschool@outlook.com.

Blofield Tennis Club: Norfolk LTA Club of the Year

A club with a 100 years' history, that looks to the future.

Start or get back into the sport at this friendly club. We welcome new members of all standards to join and enjoy regular tennis throughout the year. We offer:

- Five high quality courts, three grass, two hard.
- Daytime and evening social play.
- Group and individual adult and junior coaching with LTA licenced coaches.
- Mixed ability fun tournaments.
- League team play.
- Family, adult and junior membership packages.

Call Colin & Dawn Stocker 07483 211926 to discuss membership offers, and arrange a **free** taster session, or join via the website.

Website: www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/blofieldtennisclub

NOTICE BOARD

Brundall Local History Group

Our meetings with talks are on Saturday afternoons at 2.30pm in Brundall Memorial Hall, Links Avenue, Brundall, NR13 5LL. Admission is free to members (a subscription of £15 per annum) and £3 to visitors who are very welcome. July meeting was the last event for 2025. For further details visit our website: www.brundallvillagehistory.org.uk.

Forget Me Not Café

This meets each Tuesday from 2pm to 4pm in the **St Laurence Centre at Brundall Church** for a time of chat and activities over a cup of tea and cake. Everybody is welcome, especially those on the dementia pathway and their carers. Any enquiries to Peta Cunnane, email: petac@btinternet.com.

Brundall & Blofield Good Neighbour Scheme

If you need practical support with small light jobs in or around your home, local lifts to appointments, shopping, prescription collection, or maybe just a chat - give us a call and we will do our best to help. Please call us on **Freephone 08006889677** to speak to a Duty Officer or leave a message.

Thinking about becoming a volunteer? It's local, rewarding and flexible, and will fit around your life. We have vacancies in the Blofield area now. Please contact one of our Duty Officers for more information on Freephone 08006889677 or leave a message.

Heathlands

Members benefit from cheaper bar prices. New Memberships are always welcome, and forms are available in the Bar. £7.00 for a family including children under 17, Single membership £4.00 until the end of the year. Non-Members are welcome to visit. We have SKY TV in the club. We also have rolling TV adverts for companies to advertise. If you are interested, please call in and talk to us or ring 01603 714164. Please see Heathlands Facebook Page for up to date news at www.facebook.com/heathlands.socialclub/ and website.

The Monday Club (Heathlands Day Centre, Blofield Heath)

Our club meets every two weeks. Our catchment area is Blofield, Blofield Heath, Hemblington, Pedham, Little Plumstead and Brundall. We welcome lonely, isolated, elderly and disabled people. Coffee, hot lunch and afternoon refreshments are available as well as activities, entertainment and outings, and most of all companionship. If you or anyone you know would benefit from joining us please ring Sarah Russen on 01603 714800 for a friendly chat. We are always short of voluntary drivers, if you would be happy to help on a regular or occasional basis, please ring Sarah. Also, we are looking for able people to help put chairs and tables away at the end of each meeting. This only takes half an hour. Please ring Sarah on 714800 or Barbara on 712374 if you can help.

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Hemblington Pre-school, Hemblington Primary School

Spaces Now Available at Hemblington Preschool.

A warm, caring, and fun start to your child's learning journey. Looking for a nurturing and affordable place for your little one to grow, play, and learn? Hemblington Preschool is a charity-run pre-school offering a safe, supportive environment for children aged 2 to 4 years.

- * Experienced, caring staff.
- * Play-based learning and outdoor fun.
- * Affordable fees and funding options.
- * Inspiring curiosity.

Located in Blofield Heath - Hemblington Primary School. Limited spaces for 3 years until September 2026 and immediate spaces available for 2 years from now, or join our waiting list for September 2026.

Contact us: hemblingtonadmissions@gmail.com.

New Melody Memories Cafe

Come and sing for pleasure in a relaxed setting, have a cuppa and meet new friends. All welcome to this dementia friendly cafe. It will be from 2.30pm - 4.00pm at the **Blofield Courthouse** on the last Thursday of the month. This month it will be on **27th November**. Entry is free and donations kindly received. For more information, please email Suzanne on zanniewilliams@gmail.com or call 01603 716268. The cafe is supported by Norfolk charity Playing for Cake

Blofield Heath W.I.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Heathlands Community Centre at 2.00pm. The next meeting is on the **11th November**.

Hemblington Parish Council

Meetings take place every two months, normally on the last Monday of the month. They start at 7.30pm and held at the Heathlands Community Centre, Woodbastwick Road, Blofield Heath, NR13 4PH. The next meeting will be on **24th November**. Information is available on our noticeboards and our website: <http://hemblingtonparish.org.uk>.

Monday Munch at St. Lawrence's, South Walsham

On the first Monday of each month, the churches of Fishley, South Walsham & Upton organize a get-together in St. Lawrence's Church between 12.30 and 2.30pm. We provide light lunches, tea, coffee and cakes, and lots of chat! The next meeting is on the **3rd November**. There is no charge, but donations are always welcome. From time to time, as funds allow, we donate to various charities and often have raffles in aid of specific causes, for example, Macmillan, Breast Cancer and Great Yarmouth foodbank. A warm welcome is extended to people in the Benefice, we would love to see you. Just come along any month.

HEATHLANDS

It was lovely to see lots of you at the TEA AND CHAT, the next one is 18th November from 2.00pm to 4.00pm - lots of lovely cakes, sausage rolls, scones, raffle and plenty of tea and coffee. Come and join us.

BINGO DATES: 7th & 21st November, eyes down at 7.30pm, doors open from 6.45pm. Come and have a go, fun evening, cash prizes, Bar is also open.

OUR BIG EVENT CHRISTMAS FAYRE is on Saturday, 15th November. Doors open at 2.00pm

Luxury Gift Stall, Tombola, Large Christmas Raffle, Cake Stall, Teddy Stall, Children's Games, prize every time on the straw game. Several other craft people having stalls, also. The Social Club bar will also be open from 2.00pm.

TEXTILE BIN has been moved from outside the shop to Heathlands, this is for a safety reason. It's next door to the Bottle Bins, so don't forget to bring your bottles to us as well, Heathlands gets a revenue from this, thank you.

Our new hirers are all settling in well.

Pilates on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Yoga class Wednesdays from 1.00pm to 11.00pm followed by Chair yoga starting on Wednesday, 5th November at 11.30am to 12.30 (you will need a mat for this).

Wednesday afternoon is Choir. It is really a lovely afternoon singing and meeting people. It is from 1.30pm to 3.00pm.

Friday morning is a Fitness session with Fiona.

More details are available please ring Jill on 714164 if you would like to take part.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The coffee morning which was held at Heathlands on Saturday, 20th September, raised £1763. I would like to thank everyone who came and supported us so, with what's been raised through the year I will be sending the charity £3700.

As always, I want to say a huge thank you to my team who always work so hard to make the event a success, and to Heathlands for the venue. Also, my thanks and appreciation goes to everyone who, either gave me a cash donation, donated a raffle prize, or gave me tombola items, and especially to those people who donated their surplus fruit and vegetable for my preserves.

Jackie Kearns

Blofield & District Gardening Club

Do come along to our final meeting of this year on **Wednesday, 12th November (7:30pm)** which will be a **talk by local beekeeper, Lynda Hunt "Looking after Bees"**. The members' competition is "A Christmas meal for the birds"!

All are welcome to our meetings held at The Margaret Harker Hall, Yarmouth Road Blofield. Guests £2:50. Refreshments included. Here will be a '£1 Bring and Buy' table.

Local contact for queries: (01603) 715804.

WEA Blofield Branch



Adult Learning Within Reach

The local team of WEA volunteers is sad to report that it has not been possible to find a tutor to take a course in Blofield this autumn. However, we are pleased to confirm that a slightly different course format has been agreed for early next year.

"Why do we say that?" is the intriguing title of a six-week course to be led by Janet Wilson. It will be held at Blofield Court House, but instead of the tutor being there in person, she will appear "on the big screen", though we will be able to interact with her. **The course will run on Tuesday mornings starting on 13th January 2026 (10.00am – 12 noon).** Further information and enrolment is available on the WEA website: www.wea.org.uk. The course reference number is **Q00024509**. The cost for the 6 week course is £96 per person.

Local contact for general information: email: Blofield.branch@wea.ac.uk or phone (01603) 537029.

Village Screen presents: "BLACK BAG" at Blofield Court House on Friday, 14th November

A gripping drama packed with suspense - perfect for a chilly autumn evening
Refreshments available. Bring your friends, grab a seat, and enjoy a great night out in the heart of the village.

Time: Matinee (2.30pm) and evening (7.30pm) showings. Doors open half an hour before the performances start.

Tickets: £5 - Buy online at:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/theblofieldcourthouse/1820846>
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Anna Sewell's "Black Beauty"



On the 28th November 1877, Jarrold & Sons bought the rights to Anna Sewell's book, 'Black Beauty'. Anna Sewell was born on March 30th 1820, in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. At the age of 14, Anna Sewell had an accident which injured both her ankles. Unfortunately, she never recovered and was unable to walk or stand for long periods of time for the rest of her life. She gained a sense of freedom through horses, often driving her father on a horse and trap to the station for his commute. Her own limitations and dependence on horses for mobility gave

her a great respect for them, and the drive to bring awareness of the cruel working conditions some of them were put under.

The novel was presented from the first-person perspective of 'Black Beauty', and was written in such a style as to encourage the reader to relate to the horses in the novel, and sympathise with their plight. Although it is now thought of as a children's classic, originally it was written for adults.

The novel was written over 6 years, during which time Anna Sewell's health was rapidly declining, with her often being bed-bound and being reliant on the care of her mother. Five months after her book was published, she succumbed to her illness, just long enough to see her book become a success. She died at Old Catton on the 25th April 1878 (at 58 years of age) of hepatitis and tuberculosis. There is no doubt the book influenced anti-cruelty reforms and improved conditions for horses. In 2003, the BBC listed 'Black Beauty' as No.58 in 'The Big Read', their survey to find the nation's best-loved novel of all time.

Some Light Humour!

Each Sunday, the minister would call the children to the front of the church. There he would show them something or tell them a story. Once, he had a telephone to illustrate the idea of prayer. "You talk to people on the telephone and you don't see them on the other end of the line - right?" The children nodded, "Yes". "Well, talking to God is like talking on the telephone. He is on the other end, but you cannot see him. He is listening though".

Just then a little boy piped up and asked, "*What is his number?*"

Children have an uncanny way of reducing the inexplicable to their own terms. A child explaining how God creates people:

"He draws us first, then cuts us out".

Selected by Rev. James A Simpson

SUDOKU FOR THIS MONTH

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*The solution will be in next month's
(December) Blofield News.
Good luck!*

SOLUTION TO OCTOBER SUDOKU

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7	9	2	1	5	8	6	3	4
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02 Sunday	All Souls Memorial Service	Blofield Church
03 Monday	Monday Munch	St Lawrence's, South Walsham
03 Monday	Church Cleaning	Blofield Church
03 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Heathlands
06 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
07 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
08 Saturday	BADCOG	Snowdrop Acre
09 Sunday	Remembrance Service	Hemblington Church
09 Sunday	Remembrance Service	Blofield Church
10 Monday	Keep Blofield Special	Blofield Court House
10 Monday	Blofield PC Meeting	Blofield Court House
11 Tuesday	Blofield Heath WI Meeting	Heathlands
12 Wednesday	Blofield & District Gardening Club	Margaret Harker Hall
14 Friday	Village Screen - 'Black Bag'	Blofield Court House
15 Saturday	Heathlands Christmas Fayre	Heathlands
14 Friday	BADCOG Evening Meeting	Strumpshaw Community Hall
18 Tuesday	Tea and Chat	Heathlands
19 Wednesday	Residential Service	Manor House
20 Thursday	Residential Service	Burlingham House
20 Thursday	Open Doors	Blofield Church
21 Friday	BINGO	Heathlands
22 Saturday	Christmas Craft Fair	Blofield Church
22 Saturday	BADCOG	Howe's Meadow
24 Monday	Hemblington PC Meeting	Heathlands
25 Tuesday	Make and Mardle	Gable Farmhouse, Hemblington
26 Wednesday	Residential Service	Brewster Court
27 Thursday	New Melody Memories Café	Blofield Court House

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